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### SLUM SISTERS' WORK

LIFE SKETCHES BY MRS. M. B. BOOTH, OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

and Crime-Some Pathetic Scenes and Incidents in the Slums.

A few months ago at the close of one of our Salvation Army meetings the Captain noticed among the lingering crowd a pitiable object. She was a young girl not nineteen years of age, and yet sunk to such low depths that her condition was too awful for any pen to rightly describe it. Knowing full well at a glance that she was an outcast, the Captain talked to her lovingly and invited her to go with her at once to our Rescue Home. She reached there about 11 o'clock at night, and the officers who received her told me that so frightful was her condition that they wondered that anyone had had the courage to remain in the horse car in which she had come to the home. Her clothes, which were ragged, were also of the scantiest, and were filthy in the extreme. Her face was emaciated and her body wasted, and it took them from 11 o'clock until past 2 the next morning to get her into a clean enough condition to be put in one of the snowy white beds of the Rescue Home. While they were tenderly washing her poor wreck of a body she looked up into their faces with an expression of surprised gratitude and said: "Oh, I ought to be a good girl after all this."

When they thought they had got her thoroughly clean they lifted her long hair to curl it round her head, and found to their horror that the poor scalp was covered with deep wounds, the condition of which I cannot describe. They then had to turn to and cut her hair as close as possible, and it was so matted and tangled and uncared for that as they cut the tresses stood up stiff with by Suits in all the lat- their own filthy condition. For days afterward it needed the greatest selfcontrol and loving endurance on the part of the officers to dress the wounds and care for this poor, neglected waif. On learning her history we found that she had gone so far on this downward road that she had really drank the very in fact, everything for | dregs of the bitter cup. She had become such an outcast that even the lost had turned against her, and for nights she had no shelter to sleep in, having to hide on the wharves and sleep as best she could in out-of-sight corners beneath cles that will make a the pitying stars of heaven. Driven out the lowest saloons, shunned by the most disreputable of her she had indeed

brought to the very verge of des-peration. What a wonderful change it must have been to her to be welcomed in the beautiful, bright Rescue Home that the Salvation Army has dedicated to just such cases, not only to become the inmate of one of the thirty-two comfortable little white beds, but to have loving words spoken to her and tender solicitude shown for her welfare, both physical and spiritual.

Another case I saw myself at our headquarters, No. 111 Reade street. It was bitterly cold weather, and the poor creature had strayed into our store to get warmed by the stove. She made me think more of a tired, hunted animal than of a human being. She had only two garments, a dirty bedraggled skirt that hung round her in rags, and an old sack which was literally moldy with age, and through the rents of which the wind could penetrate to her unprotected skin. She had no hat, and her head was covered with an unkempt thatch of hair. She was drunk, but from the incoherent story we learnt that she had lived for many weeks around the docks in the lowest portion of Brooklyn. I believe that her mind had already given way, for the strange wildness in her eyes, and the way in which she started and glared at the approach of any man, spoke forcibly of insanity. We gave her some breakfast, and some of our officers talked with her lovingly, but it seemed impossible to penetrate her poor befogged mind, and, as I have before said, when any of our men officers or employes passed near her she would start and turn as if to flee from some enemy. We could gather but little of her story. She seemed to have gone too far for the word "hope" or "love" to make the slightest impression upon her, and before we could prevail upon her to go to our Rescue Home she had darted from the building and away into the streets of New York. Alas, there are some cases that, with all our hope and

unshaken faith in God's mercy, we meet

with too late for us to be able to make

them understand that there is hope for

the vilest. A HOPELESS DEATH SCENE. Our workers in the slums were requested by one of their neighbors to visit a sick girl, who was, as they expressed it, "in a very bad way." In a little garret in the poorest, lowest portion of New York where they have the joy to live for Christ's sake, they found a girl dying of consumption, one of those rapid cases which are so frequent among the girls of this class. They recognized her as one they knew by name and by sight, though her poor face was sadly changed from when they saw her last in the house of shame in which she had been for some time an inmate. They had talked with her then with other companions, but she with them had seemed careless and hardened. Soon after their last visit she had been taken suddenly ill. She had left the house and had taken up her abode in this wretched garret. It was very small, only just room for the cot-bed, a chair and a table, and it was devoid of other furniture, or the slightest trace of comfort. The eaves hung low so that they almost touched the head of the bed. The place was poorly ventilated and dirty. After rendering the necessary care, giving her food, bathing her hands and face, and trying to brighten her room, they began to plead with her very earnestly about her soul, seeing plainly that a few short hours would send that soul out into the darkness of an unknown future. "Too late, too late," she gasped with difficul-ty from her failing breath; "there is no hope for me now-I'm lost. There might have been hope, but I'm too sick to think, too sick to pray, it's all no good now. I'm lost—lost." And then with an effort, turning to some of her former companions who stood by, she said: "Listen to what the sisters say; there's time for you. Do leave this life before it's too late-before you get where I am, for you see I'm lost, and I'm dying and there's no hope for me." They pleaded with her and prayed with her, but fainter and more faintly came that same sad answer: "There's no hope now, I'm lost." The next day they did the last kind offices for the poor dead body, and then gathered with a few of the outcast women who were her only friends around the rough coffin before she was carried to Potter's Fields. At the foot of this coffin lay a pillow of white roses. To the pillow was attached a little card, upon which was written: "With the compliments of Mr. and Mrs.
" and in immortelles the word

"Rest" stood out amid the white roses.

make very

acceptable presents.

The bitter irony of this and its ghastliness have always struck me very forcibly, for this token of sympathy for the dead girl was sent by the keepers of the house of shame where she had lived her miserable life of an outcast, and through whose doors of death she had passed to a life that made rest impossible, and robbed her of the purity of which those white roses were the mocking emblem. Alas, many such deaths occur unheard of and unrecorded, and many, many a one hastens the hour of relief by poison, or a desperate plunge into the river of death, and we who come so closely into contact with their lives do not wonder that they take this last fatal step. It is more a wonder to us that so many live on and endure sorrows and burdens that are almost be-

yond belief. Alas, the outcast of to-day is too often the scapegoat for the sins of others. Many and many a time she is the innocent victim of the treachery and heartlessness of some fiend in human form, and until the common justice is done to rank-fallen men and fallen women together this cruel and unjust state of things will continue. There should be one law and one sentiment on this matter. If society ostracizes the woman it should also ostracize the man; he should not be allowed to escape unscathed. If the woman who has fallen is unworthy to become the happy wife and mother of a blessed family, then certainly the one who thrust her out of these privileges should be considered unfit to become the husband of one of the fair daughters of our land or the father of innocent children to whom he will bequeath a heritage of sorrow and shame. We can have no hope of really effectively eradicating the social evil until both law and society treat him with the same rigor and relentlessness that is now shown to her. Laws cannot be altered in a day. Society's views on purity and Christian charity cannot be revolutionized at one stroke, and until the ideas of community are rectified, and the hearts of still more are touched by the pure, inspiring Christ love, this question will face us as a great, stupendous, almost unsurmountable problem. But while we cannot hope to place the arms of our love around this great, outcast class, shielding and sheltering them all from the terrible blight and curse that has fallen upon them, we can save the ones and twos. We can snatch from the enemy's grasp some of those who have found, alas, too often, that their own feeble efforts have been met by cruel rebuff that has pushed them back again to a hopeless doom. THE ARMY'S USEFUL WORK.

This work is of all the work of woman. Alas, that we should find her often the most unforgiving to her unhappy sisters. Never having known the temptations of an unshielded life, never having realized how easy it is to fall and how hard to gain one's feet again, she looks upon all on whose brow the brand has fallen as outcast by their own fault, brazen, impure creatures, who should be loathed and shunned. It is the hearts of women that have been filled with the loving sympathy of the Christ who must become the hope of the outcast. It is their love and sympathy, their lives of consecration, that shall lead their sisters, not for judgment to the bar of God, but to the feet of Christ, where they shall hear His own verdict, "Go in peace and sin no more." In just this work the Salvation Army has been wonderfully useful; all over the world its rescue operations have been pushed with ardor and energy. Its workers do not only open homes into which these outcasts are invited to enter and find shelter and love, and sympathy, but they follow them into their haunts, they walk the streets with them at midnight, and talk with them under the glare of the electric light. They plead with them and pray over them in saloons and dives, and seek to become acquainted with them in the very houses of shame. This builds up a bridge of confidence which proves a great help in their ultimate reclamation. A very large percentage of the cases which go through our rescue homes prove satisfactory. For instance, in one of our more-recently opened homes, out of sixty-five cases fifty-five were satisfactory, and in another out of 174 cases sixty-three only proved unsatisfactory. To any who are accustomed to this work, at a glance it will be seen what a large percentage this is, especially when it is borne in mind that many of these cases were drink cases, who had been the victims of drink and drugs for many years, and several among them were considerably over

The lines upon which the Salvation Army works in this direction are, I think, one of its greatest causes of suc-

First, it fully believes in the wonderful power of God to save and reform the

Secondly, it shows most plainly to the outcast herself that no turning over sufficient, but that there must be change of heart, and that the poor, broken, blighted life must be brought to Christ for that healing which He alone

Thirdly, the work is done out of love. not by mere hirelings, or with pity or patronage, but by the loving, patient effort of those who are willing to consider themselves friends, neighbors, aye, sisters of the most degraded.

It seems to me, as I look out upon this great army of outcasts of whom it is estimated that there are 220,000, known and marked, in the United States alone, that the work of reclaiming and saving them from their miserable present, and their still darker future, is a work that the very angels would covet.

May the Christ spirit and the Christ desire enter into the heart of every Christian woman who may read these lines, that she may stretch a loving hand to every outcast she meets, and turn a compassionate glance upon those who too long have been hardened by the glance of scorn, and driven from light and purity by condemnation. MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH.

### MONEY OF THE ROMANS.

The Precious Metals Were Not Abundant Until About 150 B. C.

Fortnightly Review. Unlike the Greeks and Jews, the Romans were not particularly gifted with the com-mercial instinct, and long remained a poor and frugal people, using a copper coinage. Silver was only introduced in 269 B. C., just before the Punic wars, nor did the precious metals become abundant until after the fall of Carthage, more than a century later. Be-tween the death of Cato, however, and that of Cicero, in the year 43 B. C., a complete social revolution took place. Treasure poured in from many conquered countries, the accumulations grew to be vast under Julius Caesar, and under Augustus, when the civilization culminated, the flood was at the full, and the currency was made bi-

Meanwhile natural selection did its resistless work. Masses of capital were concentrated in the hands of those who were economically the strongest, and a fortune of \$300,000 was thought poverty by the wealthy. Even so late as the fifth century families of the second-rank had incomes of

Of all the ways under the empire in which moneyed capital could be employed none seems to have been so lucrative as usury, for the structure of society favored the trade of the money lender. At home politics engulfed fabulous sums. Mark Antony, while still a youth, owed \$250,000, while Caesar owed a million and a quarter before he held an office. Added to this was the general extravagance. A man of moderate fortune, like Caesar, for example, usually lived beyond his means, and was in constant difficulty with his creditors.

Yet Rome was comparatively a poor field, for there the rate of interest was not customarily more than 2 per cent., and was often lower. It was in the provinces that the rich harvest was reaped, for the fiscal system was so oppressive that the inhabit-ants had to have money at any price, and they were sorely squeezed through many generations. Verres lent at 24 per cent. in Sicily, Brutus at 48 per cent. in Cyprus, while Seneca, who was worth about \$12,000,-000, made usurious contracts in Brittany.

### BUDDHA'S FOLLOWERS

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WONDERFUL STATUES, TEMPLES AND QUEER PRIESTS OF THE SECT.

Revival of the Faith in Japan-Missionaries for America - How Buddhists Work for Their Religion.

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It will be a surprise to many to know that there is a strong Buddhist revival going on in the Japanese empire. The church has been stirred up by the invasion of the missionaries, and within recent years Buddhist papers have been organized, and the Japanese press is full of articles about religious matters. A movement was started some time ago for the establishment of a Buddhist theological course in the Imperial University at Tokyo, and some of the priests would like to make it the state religion. They even talk of sending missionaries to the United States, and also to the Asiatic countries, including China, and Corea, and India. Last spring a famous Buddhist of Ceylon visited Japan and described the backward condition of the faith in India, whereupon some of the richest of the Buddhists took a famous image of Buddha, which was celebrated throughout Japan, and shipped it off to India, in order that it might be put in the Temple of Buddha Gaya, on the site where the founder of the religion had his great fight with the evil ones and conquered. This statue was seven hundred years old, and it was a work of fine art. One of the Buddhist archbishops of Japan went with it, and when he got there the high priest of the temple refused to let the image be put in. He had several thousand men about him, and he was ready to enforce his refusal with bloodshed. This matter has created great excitement among the Buddhists of Japan, and some of them insist that the Hindoo priest must be dismissed, and they want the government to take up the matter. The Bud-dhists intended the sending of the statue-to be the beginning of a revival of Buddhism in India, and they will not probably let the matter rest as it is.

MYRIADS OF BUDDHISTS.

It will be surprising to many to know the vast number of Buddhists there are in the world. It is, you know, the chief religion of Siam, Burmah, Japan, Corea and India. There are in Japan 72,000 Buddhist temples, and in the city of Kioto, which is about as big as Washington, there are 3,500 temples which are devoted to this religion. Some of the most gorgeous temples of the world are the wonderful structures in which Buddha is worshiped at Bangkok in Siam, and I saw at Rangoon in Burmah the famous structure known as the Golden Pagoda, which is said to rest over several of the actual hairs which came from Buddha's head. It is a mountain of gold, or rather, of brick and stone plastered over with gold leaf. It is built upon a mighty platform, and its base is about a quarter of a mile in circumference, and these terraces of gold go upward in bell-like stories to a height greater than that of any church spire or any structure in this country, excepting the Washington monument. It has a base of fourteen acres, and on its top there is a great golden um-brella, to the ribs of which jewels ar hung. The whole of this vast structure is plated with gold as fine as any ever put into an American tooth. It is hundreds of years old, and it has been plated again and again, and there are undoubtedly millions of metal mixed with the brick and plaster of which it is made. One king of Burmah vowed that he would give his weight in gold to this monument if Buddha would grant him something that he wanted Buddha accepted the proposition. At least, his wish became true, and when he hopped on the imperial scales it is said that he registered 170 pounds. The vow cost him just about \$45,000 in gold leaf. Well, this great monument is now being regilded, and a small fortune is being put into its restoration. I visited temples in China which contained thousands of little gold Buddhas, and there is one at Nanking which I saw last spring in which there were 10,000 gods under one roof. Some of them were very small gods, but the priests told me that they actually numbered 10,000, and of a new leaf, no mere reform of life is all were plated with gold leaf. During my stay in Siam some years ago I visited one temple devoted to Buddha, a part of which was carpeted with woven silver, and I found a very lively monastery in Corea in which there were hundreds of monks. Throughout the whole Eastern world the finest of the temples and the fattest of the priests are those of the Buddhist religion, and though the faith may be sleeping, it is by no means dead. I do not know whether it is due to their religion or not, but the Buddhists of the East are, in most respects, kind and gentle one toward another. The Japanese people are the soul of refinement, and you see many old faces which you would not object to having among your ancestral portraits. A great deal has been written about the young girls of Japan. The old women are to me quite as charming and I have seen old couples whose gray hair and wrinkles shone with the beauty of the kindly souls within them. JAPAN'S NEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE.

Perhaps the finest and costliest church that is being erected in the world to-day is the Higashi Hongwanji Temple, which is now being built in Kioto. It has been a long time under construction, but it is rapidly approaching completion, and when it is finished it will have cost, all told, something like \$8,000,000. Think of that! Eight million dollars for a church! I don't believe we have one in the United States that has cost as much. and I know we have none that have been built in such a curious way. A large part of it has been the work of charity. The carpenters, the carvers and other artists have come from al parts of the country, and have worked a certain number of weeks for the temple for nothing. It has been about fifteen years in building, and when I first saw it six years ago there were forty acres of sheds about it, in which hundreds of carpenters were cutting up dreat logs, which had been imported from the Island of Formosa, into boards and hundreds of carvers were turning other logs into real works of fine art. Everything was done by hand, and immense beams, such as would be a load for a team of Norman horses, were being carried up onto the top of the structure by women and men. A road about fifteen feet wide had been built upon a scaffolding, making an inclined plane running clear to the roof of the structure, and a hundred or so men would catch hold of one of these logs and carry it up on 'heir backs. There was then, and there is still, an immense scaffolding about the temple made of thousands of poles ded together with rope, and these poles were of all sizes. from that of a fishing rod up to a tel egraph pole. They looked very insecurto me, but I was told that they were perfectly safe, and all of the scaffolding used by the Japanese is made in this way. Think of building a structure costing millions of dollars without der-I ricks or machinery of any kind, and

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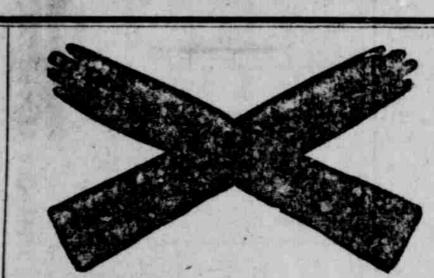
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